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SUBJECT: PRC OIL PRODUCTION; CHINWANGTAO PORT; FUSHUN REFINERY

1. THE FIRST QUARTERLY ISSUE FOR 1975 OF THE PRC PUBLICATION "CHINA'S FOREIGN TRADE" CONTAINS THREE ARTICLES ON OIL. ONE IS A GENERAL PIECE ON THE GROWTH OF CHINA'S OIL INDUSTRY; THE SECOND COVERS TACHING WHILE THE THIRD IS ON THE REFINERY AT FUSHUN. THERE IS LITTLE NEW IN THESE ARTICLES, BUT THREE SPECIFIC ITEMS ARE OF INTEREST.

2. THE ARTICLE ON CHINA'S OIL INDUSTRY STATES THAT IN 1973, "A GREAT NUMBER OF NEW OIL WELLS WENT INTO PRODUCTION, INCREASING PRODUCTION CAPACITY BY 50 PERCENT AND CRUDE OUTPUT BY 17 PERCENT OVER 1972." WE ARE NOT CERTAIN HOW TO INTERPRET "PRODUCTION CAPACITY", BUT WE NOTE THAT THE 17 PERCENT FIGURE INCREASE IN CRUDE OUTPUT IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH USG ESTIMATES THAT THE PRC CRUDE PRODUCTION

ROSE 23 PERCENT FROM 43 MILLION METRIC TONS IN 1972 TO 53 MILLION TONS IN 1973. ON 1974 PRODUCTION, THE ARTICLE STATES ONLY UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT "OUTPUT AND REFINING CAPACITY OF CRUDE OIL... INCREASED CONSIDER-

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OVER 1973" AND GIVES NO FURTHER DETAILS.

3. THE ARTICLE ON TACHING PROVIDES NO NEW INFORMATION ON THE OILFIELD BUT DOES SHOW A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE NEW OIL WHARF WHICH WAS COMPLETED AT CHINWANGTAO THIS YEAR. THE WHARF HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON CONCRETE PILINGS APPARENTLY SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS OFFSHORE. IT IS FED BY THREE LARGE INSULATED PIPELINES OF SEVERAL FEET IN DIAMETER AND THREE SMALLER PIPES WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE LESS INSULATION. THE WHARF CAN TAKE SHIPS ALONG BOTH SIDES AND IS PERHAPS 400 TO 500 FEET LONG. IN THE PHOTO, ONE SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZED TANKER IS BERTHED ALONG ONE SIDE, APPARENTLY TAKING UP TWO-THIRD TO THREE-QUARTERS OF DOCKSIDE SPACE. THE CAPTION FOR THE PHOTOGRAPH STATES THAT THE WHARF "SHIPS OUT A STEADY STREAM OF TACHING CRUDE FOR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN CONSUMPTION."

4. THE PIECE ON FUSHUN CONTAINS LITTLE OF INTEREST WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE STATEMENT THAT THE REFINERY "IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPPLYING FRATERNAL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WITH LIQUID FUEL AND ALSO EXPORTS PETROCHEMICAL PRODUCTS TO SOME OTHER COUNTRIES." WE SUSPECT ONE OF THE "FRATERNAL COUNTRIES" MIGHT BE NORTH KOREA, BUT ANOTHER CANDIDATE WOULD BE THE DRV.  
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